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Rebuilding Illinois: Multiple projects tackled in 2020

Bloomington-Normal investment driven by Gov. Pritzker's historic capital program

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that multiple projects in the Bloomington-Normal area are completed, underway or extending into future construction seasons, highlighting an ongoing commitment made possible by Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois. Just in the Bloomington-Normal area, five major projects represent a total investment of \$13.8 million for the region, with all of the funding coming from the historic and bipartisan capital program.

"Rebuild Illinois is not only about investing in infrastructure but about investing in people and communities as well. This first full year of Rebuild Illinois brought projects to the Bloomington-Normal area that created jobs and invested in the local economy in a way that was sorely needed," said Gov. Pritzker. "The work completed this year is just the start of many more local improvements that will build better and safer roads and bridges, while keeping communities like Bloomington-Normal competitive and strengthening our state's status as a transportation hub for the nation."

Of the five major projects in the Bloomington-Normal area, two were completed in 2020 and three are scheduled to be completed in 2021. Completed projects include:

- **Interstate 55/74 from Fox Creek Road to Sugar Creek Road** ultra-thin bonded overlay work began in June and was completed this summer.
- **Old Route 66 from Shirley to I-74** resurfacing began in September and was completed this fall.

"Our mission to keep this construction season on schedule has not wavered, despite the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19," said Acting Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "We completed several major Bloomington-Normal area projects this year and are on track to finish others in 2021, which will improve safety, quality of life and create economic opportunity for many years to come."

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

As part of the new [FY2021-26 Proposed Highway Improvement Program](#) released in July, IDOT is investing \$21.3 billion to improve roads and bridges over the next six years, the second multi-year plan that reflects the impact of Rebuild Illinois.

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